

CLAIMS

1 tubular shank having a leading end with a flange thereon disposed
2 concentrically within said axial conduit of said connector nut, and a
3 trailing end extending rearwardly from said trailing end of said
4 connector nut, said tubular shank having an annular shoulder on an
5 outer surface thereof disposed rearwardly of and adjacent to said
6 trailing end of said connector nut, and an annular barb disposed on said
7 outer surface adjacent to said trailing end; and iii) a slotted body
8 portion having a generally cylindrical shape with a leading end, a
9 trailing end, an axial conduit therebetween with a shoulder on an inner
10 surface thereof providing a cable stop, and at least one slot extending
11 forwardly from said trailing end to said shoulder; and
12 (b) a compression sleeve non-releasably and slidably attached to said
13 slotted body portion of said connector subassembly

14 4. The connector in accordance with claim 3 wherein said axial conduit within
15 said compression sleeve has a diameter and wherein said diameter decreases at first and
16 second stepped transitions disposed between said leading end and said trailing end of said
17 axial conduit.

18 5. The connector in accordance with claim 4 wherein said slotted body portion
19 further comprises at least one annular gripping ridge disposed within said axial conduit of
20 said slotted body portion and an annular ridge on said outer surface of said slotted body
21 portion disposed to concentrically overlie said gripping ridge.